

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claims 20-21, 41-42 and 46-47 are pending herein.

Double Patenting

Claims 20-21, 41-42 and 46-47 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 18-20 of U.S. Patent No. 7276489.

Without admitting the obviousness of claims 20-21, 41-42 and 46-47 over claims 1-4, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 18-20 of U.S. Patent No. 7276489, and solely for the sake of expediting prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over US Patent No. 7276489. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION


In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 20-21 41-42 and 46-47 are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney

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